Funds released to KBK District of Orissa

1544. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds released to Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput districts of Orissa during the current financial year;

(b) whether Government of Orissa have submitted a proposal to release more funds to these districts due to severe drought situation in the region; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Government of India have so far released Rs. 99.99 crores to Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput districts, which now comprise 8 districts, namely Kalahandi, Nuapada, Bolangir, Sonepur, Koraput, Rayagada, Nawrangpur and Malkangiri under various poverty alleviation programmes during 1996-97.

(b) and (c) After reviewing the drought situation, Government of India have decided to release the 2nd instalment of central assistance for 1996-97 amounting to Rs. 20.66 crores to four districts of Kalahandi, Nuapara, Bolangir and Sonepur in the region under the Jawahar Rojgar Yojana, Employment Assurance Scheme, Indira Awas Yojana and Million Wells Scheme.

रासायनिक उर्वरक के उत्पादन के लिए आवश्यक कच्चा माल

1545. श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) चालू वर्ष सहित आगामी तीन वर्षों के लिए रासायनिक उर्वरकों के उत्पादन हेतु कितने कच्चे माल की आवश्यकता है;

(ख) क्या इसे उचित मूल्यों और राष्ट्र के लिए लाभप्रद शर्तों पर प्राप्त किया जाता है;

(ग) क्या सस्ती दर पर कच्चा माल खरीदने की प्रक्रिया को सुचारू बनाने के लिए कोई दीर्घकालिक व्यवस्था की गई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री शीश राम ओला): (क) चालू वर्ष सहित अगले तीन वर्षों में रसायन उर्वरकों के उत्पादन के लिए कच्चे मालों की अनुमानित आवश्यकता संलग्न विवरण में दी गई है (नीचे देखिए)

(ख) से (घ) उर्वरकों के उत्पादन में उपयोग हेतु तरल पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों की आपूर्ति रियायती दर पर की जाती है। फास्फेटिक उर्वरकों के उत्पादन में उपयोग किये जाने वाले कच्चे मालों तथा मध्यवर्तियों के आयात को डीकैनेलाइजड कर दिया गया है और इनकी व्यवस्था निर्माताओं द्वारा अपने वाणिज्यिक विवेक के अनुसार की जाती है।

विवरण

उर्वरकों का निर्माण करने के लिए आवश्यक कच्चा माल

(लाख टन/एमएमएससीएमडी)

क्र.सं.		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1.	नेफथा	32.77	47.94	54.91
2.	ईंधन तेल/ एलएसएचएस	28.60	30.37	29.14
3.	गैस (एमएम एससीएमडी)	30.00	32.38	33.22
4.	अमोनिया	8.50	7.32	7.76
5.	फास. एसिड	16.00	17.08	18.08
6.	राक फास्फेट	30.85	40.63	44.00
7.	सल्फर	13.35	14.40	15.79

Rail Line between Daitery-Paradeep

1346. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have any proposal to connect Daitary and Paradeep Port in Orissa by a railway line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A line already exists between Daitary-Haridaspur. Construction of a new line between Haridaspur and Paradeep has been included in 1996-97 Budget. Railway is making

preliminary arrangements for taking up the work, which would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Recognition to KVS Employees Associations

1547. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some KVS employees associations have recently been accorded recognition under CCS (Recognition of Service Association) Rules, 1993 adopted by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) No Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan employees association has recently been accorded recongition under CCS (Recognition of Service Associations) Rules, 1993 adopted by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan as the process of verification of membership has not been completed.

Delay in Clearing Irrigation Projects due to Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

1548. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment are aware that as a result dt the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 the irrigation projects, especially from Central region in Gujarat, have been delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether in view of the prolonged delays Government propose to keep the irrigation projects out of the purview of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (P) No Sir. There is no delay on the part of Central Government in processing irrigation projects under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. However, delay takes place in cases of incomplete proposals from the State Governments which leads to protracted correspondence.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

News Item Captioned "CBI Unearths Rs. SOO Cr. Scam in Guage Conversion"

1549. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "CBI unearths Rs. 500 cr. scam in gauge conversion" appearing in "The Economic Times", New Delhi, dated February 27, 1996; and

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The newspaper had reported:—

(i) Irregularities in award of gauge conversion works on South Central Railway;

(ii) Withholding of permission by MOS(R) for detailed investigation involving a Joint Secretary level officer and to hand over all other-cases to CBI;

(iii) Loss suffered by Railway over entire Indian Railways on gauge conversion works would exceed Rs. 500 crores.

Further, this is to state that the investigation in tenders as well as execution of works has been made by the Ministry. Certain irregularities in award of contract were noticed by the Ministry and further cases were handed over to CBI. The matter regarding permission of registration of the case is being resolved in consultation with the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Central Vigilance Commission. There is no basis for low of Rs. 500 crores and no major irregularity has been observed on Zonal Railway other than S.C. Railway.